

## Daily Bread

*Feria of 2<sup>nd</sup> Week of Lent*

### Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> February

Daniel 9: 3-10; Luke 6: 36-38

### Tuesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February

Isaiah 1: 10-20; Matthew 23: 1-12

### Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February

Jeremiah 18: 18-20;

Matthew 20: 17-28

### Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> February

Jeremiah 17: 5-10; Luke 16: 19-31

### Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> March

Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-28;

Matthew 21: 33-46

### Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Micah 7: 14-20; Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32

### Sunday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March

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Exodus 20: 1-17; Psalm 19;

1 Corinthians 1: 18-25;

John 2: 13-22

Eucharist (St John's Church),

11.30am

## Announcements

**Next Sunday, 3 March:** There will be no service at St Serf's Church on Sunday, 3 March. There will be a 1982 Eucharist at St John's Church at 11.30am. All are welcome.

**Lent Group:** The Lent course will continue on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at **St Serf's** at **3pm**. All are welcome. For more details please ask Revd Tess.

**Bishop's Lent Appeal:** This year's Lent Appeal is for Friends of the Holy Land, who work to support the lives and witness of Christians living in the Holy Land through prayer and practical project, recognizing that their presence in the land where Jesus once walked in an important witness to all Christians. You can find more about the work and mission of Friends of the Holy Land on their website. Envelopes are available at the back of the church for your donation.

**A World Day of Prayer Service** will take place on **Friday, 1 March** at Shettleston New Church at 2pm.

**Days Off:** Revd Tess takes **Thursday** and **Friday** as days off.

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## GLASGOW EAST END EPISCOPAL CHURCHES

**(Incorporating St John's,  
Baillieston; St Kentigern's,  
Dennistoun and St Serf's,  
Shettleston)**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent

### 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

*Welcome to our church for this Sunday's service; do stay for tea or coffee afterwards, we look forward to meeting you. If the morning service is the celebration of the Eucharist, all are welcome to make their communion here. Or if you prefer to receive a blessing, please come forward to the rail with arms crossed over your chest.*

## Collect

God of patience and humility, in your love you gave your Son to be rejected and raised up on a cross. Gather us under its shadow and open our eyes to its mystery, that we may share even now in the life that is from above; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Lectionary

### Genesis 17: 1-7, 15-16

*A reading from the book of Genesis.*

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will

make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.' God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

## Psalm 22: 22-30

**R All the ends of the earth shall turn to you, O Lord.**

22 Praise the Lord, you that fear him; stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his face from them; but when they cry to him he hears them.

**R**

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall praise him:

'May your heart live for ever!'

**R**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

27 For kingship belongs to the Lord; he rules over the nations.

**R**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; all who go down to the dust fall before him.

29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; they shall be known as the Lord's for ever.

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn the saving deeds that he has done.

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### Romans 4: 13-25

*A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.*

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') – Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many

nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

### Mark 8: 31-38

*Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the

gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

### Post Communion

Creator of heaven and earth, we thank you for these holy mysteries, which bring us now a share in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### Intercessions

**Please pray for:**

**Those who are sick or in hospital:**  
Dorothea, David, Elizabeth, Valerie, Ina, Joseph, Liz, Isabel, Harry John, Danut, Mihaela, Alan, Mick, Irving, Janet, Bishop Kevin, Linda, Christina, Robert, John and Ferne.

**Recently departed:**  
Christopher Warwick.

**Faithful departed anniversaries:**  
Isabella Burgon, Allan Cuthbertson, Charles Murray and Mae Baker.



### Reflection

Today in our Gospel, Jesus rebukes Peter for setting his mind not on divine things but on human things. These were words Peter needed to hear; he had to learn to trust that God was with them all even when the road ahead was tough.

Faithful followers of God in every age have learnt, over time, like Peter, to trust in God's promises and have not turned aside from the way set out before them, even when God's will was difficult to understand.

*Gracious Lord, open my eyes to see the light beyond the darkness, to know the hope beyond the fear. When the road is rough and winding, keep my feet in the way of your will. Forgive my doubt and anxiety, the failure to learn from past mercies that the future is in your hand, and save me from rash judgement before the fullness is revealed. This I ask in the name of Jesus, the Lord. Amen.*

Taken (and adapted) from *Following the Gospel through the Year* by Raymond Chapman. Canterbury Press.

### 7 Day Votive Candles

**St John's**

This candle burns in memory of Allan Cuthbertson.

**St Serf's**

This candle burns in memory of Charles Murray.